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LIST OF OFFICERS.

Town Clerk,
OTIS F. BROWN.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, Board of Health,
ISAAC F. KNOWLTON, GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
GEORGE E. SAFFORD.

Treasurer,
DANIEL E. SAFFORD.

School Committee,
GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, JESSE G. NICHOLS,
EVERETT A. SMITH,

Tax Collector,
CHARLES W. APPLETON.

Auditor,
GEORGE T. LITCHFIELD.

Constables and Police Officers,
CHARLES E. WHIPPLE, GEORGE M. ADAMS,
ALBERT T. POOLE, NORMAN J. CONRAD,
CHARLES H. SMITH, SAMUEL E. McGLAUFLIN.

Keeper of Lockup and Tramp Officer,
GEORGE T. LITCHFIELD.

Tree Warden,
OTIS F. BROWN.

Trustees of Public Library,
GEORGE v. L. MEYER,
AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER, JESSE G. NICHOLS.

Cemetery Commissioners,
GEORGE K. KNOWLTON, GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
FRANK C. NORTON.

Superintendent of Streets,
C. E. WHIPPLE.

Inspector of Animals and Provisions,
GEORGE R. DODGE.

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark,
D. C. SMITH, JONA LAMSON, C. E. WHIPPLE.

Sealers of Leather,
GEORGE H. GIBNEY, GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,
D. D. STONE.

Field Drivers,
C. S. GWINN, FRED BERRY, F. P. KILHAM,
J. F. HAWKINS, JONA. LAMSON.

Pound Keeper,
GEORGE T. LITCHFIELD.

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JUDGE DANIEL E. SAFFORD.

In Memoriam.

On September 1, 1905, our respected and honored townsman, Daniel E. Safford, passed from the cares of earthly life to the rest of the life eternal.

He was born in Hamilton, February 5, 1826, where he practically made his home during his whole life. Aspiring to a professional life he entered Williams College and was graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1848, and in 1851 was graduated from Harvard law school with the degree of LL. B. The same year he was admitted to the Essex bar.

He was a member of the Massachusetts house of representatives in 1861 and of the Senate in 1871-2.

In 1874, he was appointed associate justice of the First District Court in the city of Salem, and on the retirement of Judge Joseph B. F. Osgood, was appointed to fill the vacancy February 11, 1889, which position he held till his death.

He rendered service to the town several years on the board of school committee; was town treasurer for more than forty years, and also moderator of town meetings for about the same length of time.

The First Congregational church, of which he was a member, will miss his Christian fellowship and also his wise counsel in everything pertaining to the best interests of the church.

The Town loses a noble, heroic, conscientious man whose character was built upon the eternal principle of right and justice. To know him was to love and respect him. He has passed out from among us, but the life he lived while here we will hold in sweet remembrance of him.

ANNUAL REPORT.

Treasurer's Report.

DANIEL E. SAFFORD, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, February 27, 1904,	$6412.23
Received from Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on account of Corporation tax, 1904,	1370.85
On account of National bank tax 1904,	1.29
Salary of Superintendent of schools,	250.00
From Cemetery Commissioners,	5.00
Rent Town Hall,	6.00
Loan from Ipswich Savings bank in anticipation of taxes,	20,000.00
From heirs of G. T. Haynes, for care of burial lot,	100.00
I. Burnham, for care of C. Burnham lot,	175.00
Druggist license,	1.00
Liquor license,	1000.00
Victualler's license,	1.00

Interest on deposits,	36.21	
City of Boston for tuition of pupils,	57.00	
		$29,415.58

PAYMENTS.

Paid loan from Ipswich Savings bank,	$12,000.00	
Interest on said loan,	103.50	
Interest on loan dated April 11, 1904,	505.50	
Principal on Town Hall and school house loan,	2150.00	
Interest on said loan,	329.00	
Treasurer Commonwealth, one-fourth druggist license,	.25	
Treasurer Commonwealth, one-fourth liquor license,	250.00	
George T. Litchfield, officers fees,	7.63	
State aid, (6 months),	358.00	
School warrants, (1 to 6),	5168.65	
Deposited in Ipswich Savings bank for the care of C. Burnham burial lot,	175.00	
Deposited in Ipswich Savings Bank for care of G. T. Haynes burial lot,	100.00	
Selectmen's orders,	5387.86	
	$26,535.39	
Balance in favor of town,	2880.19	
		$29,415.58

JOHN L. WOODBURY, Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Received from estate Daniel E. Safford,	$2880.19	
Corporation tax,	8913.77	

National bank tax,	676.48	
Street railway,	818.60	
State aid reimbursed,	624.00	
M. Norman, account Corporation tax,	133.34	
Dog tax,	388.66	
C. A. Appleton, tax collector, 1904,	688.11	
C. A. Appleton, tax collector, 1905,	24,091.81	
Rent of Town Hall,	26.50	
Victualler's license,	6.00	
Slaughter license,	1.00	
Hay scales—Centre,	6.00	
Sale of burial lots,	45.00	
School committee on account sale and rebate on scholars tickets,	12.10	
Interest on deposits,	50.88	
		$39,362.44

PAYMENTS.

Paid state tax,	$3600.00	
Repairs on state highway,	72.05	
Selectmen's orders,	12,428.21	
School warrants,	4176.74	
Library appropriation,	400.00	
County tax,	3201.79	
State aid,	356.00	
Interest on Town Hall and school loan,	286.00	
Constables' fees,	3.48	
For care and labor on D. S. Allen's lot, cemetery,	3.00	
For care and labor on J. Kinsman's. lot, cemetery,	2.20	
		$24,529.47

Highway Department.

CHARLES E. WHIPPLE, Superintendent.

Paid Charles E. Whipple, labor		$1,068.90
George M. Adams	"	266.00
George A. Dodge	"	183.60
E. A. Whipple	"	319.45
Fred Berry	"	144.00
E. D. Lovett	"	139.20
C. S. Smith	"	162.30
A. W. Day	"	93.60
F. McDonald	"	92.10
J. Lamson	"	76.50
James Mullen	"	82.00
George Babcock	"	73.80
E. McCauley	"	55.00
J. Raubichau	"	67.60
H. Dorcett	"	60.40
Joe Badger	"	61.00
P. Melanson	"	51.40
J. Therault	"	51.80
S. E. McGlauflin	"	40.35
George H. Gibney	"	57.00
Thomas Guppo	"	33.60
F. L. Knowlton	"	35.10
F. Day	"	31.70
J. Dressell	"	26.30
J. Doucett	"	20.80
W. H. Dodge	"	31.20
W. Mullen	"	21.60
A. B. Chadwick	"	1.00

Paid L. Martin,	labor,	$24.80
A. White	"	34.20
J Hart	"	30.00
Charles W. Ingalls	"	45.00
T. A. Moynahan	"	32.40
J. F. Hawkins	"	29.00
C. McQuillan	"	21.60
L. Manthorn	"	14.40
J. Martel	"	10.80
F. McBride	"	12.60
George Young	"	19.80
E. Lawrence	"	16.20
D. Cashman	"	10.40
F. H. Brailey	"	11.80
E. Pitman	"	3.60
Daniel Smith	"	18.00
J. Powers	"	9.00
Philip Thereault	"	5.40
E. Masten	"	5.40
L. E. Libby, adm. gravel,		12.55
G. W. H. Hayes, adm. gravel,		54.00
N. Burnham	"	30.60
F. Knowlton	"	24.00
G. W. Fitz	"	26.40
W. H. Dodge	"	32.80
George M. Adams	"	32.70
Est. J. P. Lovering	"	2.20
J. Knowlton	"	8.50
Bigelow & Dowse, tools,		16.00
C. S. Gwinn, drain pipe,		15.00
Barbour, Stockwell Co., supplies,		4.83

G. W. Tibbetts, supplies,	$9.70	
A. C. Cummings, carriage,	8.70	
		$3979.68

GUARD RAIL.

Paid J. F. Pope & Son, lumber,	$328.88	
Ipswich Mills, lumber,	19.25	
C. S. Gwinn, posts,	33.80	
C. A. Peterson, stock and labor,	16.45	
A. B. Towle, labor,	145.50	
C. E. Whipple, labor,	42.10	
		$585.98

REMOVING SNOW.

Paid C. E. Whipple,	$93.95
A. C. Cummings,	85.80
E. Lawrence,	39.60
E. A. Whipple,	20.00
F. M. Whipple,	18.00
D. D. Stone,	11.05
W. Morse,	10.20
J. Burkstead,	10.20
J. Pitman,	10.80
W. Knowlton,	8.80
E. Pitman,	9.40
R. K. Patch,	8.20
J. Morgan,	6.70
F. McDonald,	5.80
C. A. Hills,	5.40
J. Wright,	5.40

Paid A. Bishop,	$5.40	
W. H. Radsome,	5.20	
A. Radmore,	6.10	
F. Blinn,	4.70	
C. F. Kinsman,	5.50	
H. Day,	4.60	
E. R. Stone,	4.60	
L. Cooke,	4.60	
R. Tucker,	4.65	
C. A. Goodhue,	4.58	
J. A. Tucker,	4.00	
G. A. Dodge,	6.40	
George H. Dodge,	5.00	
Pervus Benvie,	3.60	
N. Burnham,	3.30	
M. S. Lovering,	4.70	
F. Jackson,	2.40	
F. Berry,	1.80	
F. Letant,	1.50	
T. Nolan,	2.40	
J. McGrath,	2.40	
C. Buzzell,	2.60	
S. A. Knowlton,	1.30	
O. A. Wood,	.80	
H. Knowlton,	.50	
G. H. Leighton,	.40	
		$441.73

STEAM ROLLER.

Paid J. Jennings, engineer,	$238.50	
J. Powers, flagman,	10.80	

Paid J. Rubichau, flagman,	$7.20	
S. A. Malone, repairs,	7.75	
C. S. Gwinn, coal and supplies,	74.81	
C. S. Clafflin & Co., supplies,	2.34	
Hamblet & Hayes, supplies,	5.00	
R. Robertson, supplies,	2.24	
Buffalo Steam Roller Co., repairs,	49.50	
		$398.14

STREET WATERING.

Paid G. M. Adams, watering,	$150.00	
C. E. Whipple, watering,	150.00	
A. C. Cummings, watering,	134.60	
G. T. Litchfield, pumping,	25.00	
Smith & Thayer, supplies,	.90	
		$460.50

Amount of water pumped, 296,400 gallons.
Amount of gasoline used, 110 gallons.

STREET SIGNS.

Paid, J. M. Shirley, painting signs,	$63.00	
C. E. Whipple, labor,	19.20	
Thomas Horne, sign boards,	7.92	
C. S. Gwinn, posts,	6.20	
		$96.32

CEMETERY COMMISSION.

Paid Arthur E. Whipple, labor,	$151.75	
George E. Roberts, labor,	82.50	
George W. Fitz, gravel,	8.90	
		$243.15

STREET LIGHTING.

Paid Globe Gas Light Co., lighting,	$2054.10	
George R. Dodge, setting posts,	1.40	
		$2055.50

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid C. E. Whipple, fighting fire,	$35.00
F. P. Trussell,	14.10
I. F. Knowlton,	8.00
E. A. Whipple,	4.80
G. M. Adams,	3.80
Percy Dodge,	3.00
M. S. Lovering,	2.50
J. Martel,	2.10
Fred. Berry,	3.30
Horace Dodge,	2.00
Francis Dodge,	2.00
C. S. Knowlton,	1.60
C. H. Smith,	1.60
E. Pitman,	1.60
J. Pitman,	1.60
E. Berry,	1.20
A. E. Whipple,	1.20
H. Ames,	2.60
Charles Hazlett,	2.00
George Boyce,	2.00
A. E. Pitman,	1.10
R. Berry,	1.80
A. Jowder,	.80
L. S. Fisher,	.60
A. Macdonald,	.60

Paid T. Raymond,	$ .60	
F. McGregor,	.60	
L. Durkee,	.80	
H. L. Spiringher,	.40	
C. W. Ingalls,	.50	
W. J. Channell,	.40	
H. W. Dodge,	.40	
O. A. Wood,	.40	
P. Benvie,	.40	
E. M. Haraden,	.40	
A. H. Dane,	.40	
J. L. Varnum,	.60	
C. L. Varnum,	.60	
R. Tucker,	.45	
J. Tucker,	.45	
A. L. Perley, janitor,	25.00	
Express and Supplies,	5.31	
A. C. Cummings, carriage hire,	29.50	
C. S. Gwinn, coal,	7.50	
R. Robertson, repairs,	.65	
H. E. Andrews, supplies,	48.00	
S. C. Gould, "	26.79	
Scully & Morrow, "	6.50	
Waters & Brown, "	7.50	
J. W. Hayes, "	3.50	
Knight & Thomas, "	1.20	
Angie M. Adams, rent,	15.00	
		$284.75

POOR DEPARTMENT.

Paid C. A. Hobbs, board, E. Trussell	$260.00	
S. I. Redlon, supplies, E. Trussell,	3.69	

Dr. C. H. Davis, medical attendance, E. Trussell	$ 2.00	
City of Salem, hospital per J. Tucker	30.00	
J. F. Smith, burial P. Curran	23.00	
George E. Roberts, burial P. Curran	5.00	
Dr. C. H. Davis, medical attendance P. Curran	34.50	
R. H. Smith, rent Curran family	70.00	
F. C. Norton, supplies, Curran family	102.89	
Dr. C. H. Davis, medical attendance, Curran family	17.50	
C. S. Gwinn, coal, Curran family	6.75	
C. E. Whipple, wood, Curran family	7.00	
F. Dane, board, A. Jowder	50.00	
S. I. Redlon, supplies, A. Jowder	3.00	
Dr. C. H. Davis, medical attendance, A. Jowder	1.00	
E. A. Whipple, care of tramps, 1904-5,	115.00	
S. I. Redlon, supplies,	4.20	
City of Beverly, aid Dorsett family	48.80	
City of Beverly, aid Ingalls family	58.40	
A. L. Dennett, supplies	2.25	
H. E. Andrew, supplies	6.90	
S. B. Dodge, assistant	104.00	
L. F. Dane, supplies	12.18	
City of Gloucester, care Hiram Pitman	43.00	
Dr. C. H. Davis, medical attendance, J. McCarthy	1.00	
Dr. C. H. Davis, medical attendance, traveller	2.00	
H. B. Sullivan, mdse.	2.00	
		$1016.06

SOLDIERS RELIEF.

Paid J. V. Hubbard, supplies, R. Bridges	$84.00	
E. A. Dane " "	2.00	
F. C. Norton " "	26.71	
Dr. C. H. Davis, medical attendance, R. Bridges	19.50	
J. F. Smith, burial of soldier	35.00	
George G. Bailey, medical attendance, R. Bridges	28.75	
S. C. Gould, supplies, R. Bridges	13.00	
B. F. Young, burial of soldier	35.00	
		$243.96

Suppression of Brown Tail Moths.

TOWN APPROPRIATION.

Paid C. A. Hills, removing,	$20.00
J. Powers, "	18.00
P. Kolaski, "	14.60
E. R. Tuttle, "	16.40
G. H. Gibney, "	9.00
F. Brailey, "	5.60
E. R. Earl, "	3.60
A. Hatt, "	1.80
L. M. Whipple, 63,995 nests,	96.00
Prizes,	29.00
W. H. Knowlton, 14,628 nests,	21.95
Prizes,	5.00
G. I. Dodge, 8757 nests,	13.14
Prizes,	1.00
C. B. Gibney, 5808 nests,	8.71
Prizes,	2.00

R. H. Haraden, 1476 nests,	$2.21	
Prize,	1.00	
F. Hart, 8582 nests,	12.87	
Prize,	1.00	
E. M. Haraden, counting,	1.50	
R. H. Haraden, "	1.50	
A. H. Dane, "	1.00	
C. E. Whipple, labor and teams,	50.70	
		$337.58

At the last session of the legislature an act was passed to provide for suppressing the gypsy and brown tail moths, making it compulsory on the town to expend an amount equal to one twenty-fifth of one per cent of its total valuation, and in addition the amount allowed by the State superintendent. All expenditures to be under the direction of the State superintendent. The town's liability for a full year $1120.77, to which the State has added $500 for this year. The year 1905 was called one-half year. George H. Gibney was chosen the local superintendent, work was started about the first of October, clearing up brush and cutting down worthless trees by the road side. The clearing of shade or highway trees was nearly completed January 1st, at an expense of about $1300.00, since which time the work has been mostly on private property, at the owners liability. The selectmen, in behalf of the town, contracted with the Massachusetts highway commission to care for the trees along the State road in town. The superintendent found the whole town thoroughly infested by both gypsy and brown tail moths. Asbury Grove being badly infested with brown tail and gypsys, the grove containing so many cottages and such a large travelling population at about the time moths are most dangerous. It was very important that it be thoroughly

cleared. The association claim to have no money to help out. There was nothing for the superintendent to do but clear it under the owners liability clause which was done at an expense of $657.50 while the liability was only $28.65.

GEORGE H. GIBNEY,

Local Superintendent.

Suppression of the Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths.

CHAPTER 381, 1905.

Paid George H. Gibney, superintendent	$297.00
D. C. Smith, labor	174.00
S. Tinkham	166.00
G. M. Adams	153.90
Edmund Terry	150.40
John Chisholm	144.30
William Herring	133.50
T. Sweeney	120.00
Edward Haraden	103.00
E. D. Lovett	129.00
Amos Hatt	77.50
Harry Smith	78.70
A. H. Dane	76.00
Percy Dodge	66.50
John Mann	63.50
W. J. Abbott	60.50
Albert Palmer	56.20
J. Kolaski	52.00
Joseph Kolaski	52.00
Arthur Trask	49.00

Allen Dixon	$48.10
Alfred O'Shea	46.60
A. C. Cummings	46.60
John Kolaski	46.00
Frank McBride	35.40
Robert Foss	35.00
George I. Dodge	36.00
F. McDonald	29.00
O. Hiller	26.00
W. Chandler	26.00
A. Radmore	25.40
John Murrey	24.00
S. T. Haraden	24.00
Mike Smith	20.00
David Fisher	18.00
John Ryan	21.00
E. S. Berry	17.00
W. Knowlton	16.00
Charles Kolasky	16.00
M. Hoffman	10.00
William Smith	10.00
Anthony Smith	8.00
Joseph McGrath	8.00
P. Sonier	10.00
Edward Crawford	43.40
Paul Smith	12.00
Jesse Mann	10.00
Maurice Hatt	8.00
Clarence Tinkham	7.00
Joseph Badger	6.00
John Tupper, ladders	47.01
John Goodhue, supplies	35.13
John Goodhue, climbers and straps	8.00
Barry Printing Co., printing notices	7.75

E. Tinkham, fighting fire	$ 3.20	
Joe Badger, fighting fire	.60	
S. C. Gould, supplies	15.50	
J. F. Pope & Son, lumber	5.32	
John Mann, oil	.65	
John Melanson, filing saws	1.50	
Thomas Murphy, labor	35.00	
		$3051.16

TOWN HALL.

Paid George T. Litchfield, janitor on account,	$225.00	
F. P. Trussell, painting hall,	292.55	
C. S. Gwinn, coal,	193.15	
John F. Smith, repairs,	76.13	
John McCaughn, stock and labor,	73.88	
C. E. Whipple, manure and spreading,	53.00	
J. F. Pope & Son, lumber,	61.91	
F. C. Norton, supplies,	45.95	
F. C. Norton, water,	25.00	
S. C. Gould, supplies,	15.50	
Smith & Thayer, supplies,	10.00	
F. R. Schaller, tuning piano,	7.00	
Bigelow & Dowse, lawn mower,	8.00	
C. W. Appleton, labor,	19.50	
George A. Dodge, wood,	18.00	
Spencer Regulator Co., supplies,	2.77	
R. Robertson Co., supplies,	1.66	
A. T. Poole, labor,	1.50	
F. P. Trussell, stock and labor,	1.40	
Zina Goodell, supplies,	1.55	
		$1133.45

SALARIES AND FEES.

Paid I. F. Knowlton,		services as selectman,	$100.00
"	"	assessor,	100.00
"	"	overseer of poor,	40.00
"	"	board of health,	25.00
"	"	committee on streets,	25.00
"	"	register of voters,	15.00
"	"	election officer,	5.00
"	"	five journeys to Boston,	15.00
"	"	three journeys to Salem,	9.00
"	"	one journey to Lynn,	3.00
"	"	committee on boundary line,	6.00
		perambulating Topsfield and Ipswich line,	10.00
Paid George E. Safford,		services as selectman,	100.00
"	"	assessor,	100.00
"	"	overseer of poor,	40.00
"	"	board of health,	25.00
"	"	committee on streets,	25.00
"	"	register of voters,	15.00
"	"	election officer,	5.00
"	"	two journeys to Boston,	6.00
"	"	two journeys to Haverhill,	6.00
"	"	land and harbor commission,	6.00
"	"	perambulating Wenham and Hamilton line,	10.00
Paid George H. Gibney,		services as selectman,	100.00
"	"	assessor,	100.00
"	"	overseer of poor,	50.00
"	"	board of health,	25.00
"	"	committee on streets,	25.00
"	"	register of voters,	15.00

Paid George H. Gibney, copying records	$35.00
" " extra work as assessor	85.00
" " election officer	5.00
" " committee on boundary lines	6.00
" " perambulating Ipswich and Topsfield line	10.00
" " twelve journeys to Boston	36.00
" " six journeys to Salem	18.00
" " two journeys to Lynn	6.00
Paid C. W. Appleton, tax collector on account	350.00
" " balance salary, 1904	119.29
" " election officer	5.00
Paid Daniel E. Safford, treasurer	75.00
Paid John L. Woodbury, treasurer	75.00
" " election officer	5.00
Paid George T. Litchfield, town clerk	62.50
" " register of voters	15.00
" " police	8.00
Paid George K. Knowlton, school committee	75.00
E. A. Smith, school committee	50.00
Jesse G. Nichols, school committee	50.00
G. R. Dodge, inspector of animals	47.40
C. E. Whipple, constable	35.00
" " election officer	5.00
" " posting warrants	4.00
N. J. Conrad, constable	53.50
S. E. McGlauflin, constable	45.00
S. E. McGlauflin, dog constable	30.00
A. T. Poole, constable	53.00
A. T. Poole, election officer	5.00
G. M. Adams, constable	18.00
A H. Dane, auditor	20.00
D. C. Smith, teller	2.50

F. H. Woodward, teller,	$2.50	
H. S. Gwinn, teller,	5.00	
A. B. Towle, teller,	5.00	
		$2427.69

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid A. C. Cummings, carriage hire,	$87.07	
A. C. Cummings, carriage hire, police department,	19.50	
E. D. Lovett, carriage hire,	80.50	
Citizen Printing Co., printing town reports,	79.25	
Derby Desk Co., desk,	25.00	
Hobbs, Warren & Co., supplies,	66.12	
F. P. Trussell, labor on hay scales,	21.05	
Allen, Rogers & Company, liability insurance,	50.00	
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., services and toll,	38.04	
H. E. Andrews, supplies board of health,	18.90	
G. M. Adams, setting boundary stones,	18.50	
G. M. Adams, committee on bounds,	6.00	
Joseph Knowlton, committee on bounds,	6.00	
N. J. Conrad, carriage hire police department,	13.00	
N. J. Conrad, supplies,	11.95	
Penn & Co., supplies,	30.00	
Barry Printing Co., printing,	11.55	
L. D. Stott, abstracts,	11.50	
J. M. Striley, auto signs,	18.00	
John W. Goodhue, supplies,	11.61	
John L. Woodbury, incidentals,	8.20	
C. W. Appleton, printing tax bills,	5.00	
S. I. Redlon, supplies,	5.50	
J. W. Hayes, labor on library clock,	4.30	

Estate D. E. Safford, supplies,	$5.10
A. T. Poole, painting safe,	6.00
G. H. Gibney, fumigating two houses,	5.00
Iver Johnson & Co., police supplies,	5.00
Hattie B. Warner, postage, etc.,	9.26
J. F. Pope & Son, supplies,	4.79
H. M. Meek Publishing Co., directory,	3.00
F. P. Stanton, supplies,	2.70
E. E. Pierce, surveying town bounds,	10.00
S. E McGlauflin, court fees,	4.56
J. F. Smith, returning births,	2.75
American Express, express,	1.85
Charlie Goon, laundry,	2.05
John Wright, burying dog,	1.00
Wakefield Daily Item, license blanks,	3.00
Smith & Thayer, supplies,	2.55
J. V. Hubbard, care of green,	2.00
Knight & Thomas, repairs,	1.00
Carter Ink Co., ink,	1.25
A. E. Whipple, recovering unknown man,	2.00
Boston & Maine railroad, freight,	.80
John E. Hathaway, supplies,	1.40
Wright & Potter, printing,	1.00
George T. Litchfield, supplies,	1.75
" " return Rep. vote,	2.00
" " return dog license,	2.00
" " recording marriages,	3.40
" " recording births,	18.00
" " recording deaths,	4.40
" " administering oaths,	6.00
" " care of clock,	25.00
" " express and postage,	6.87
" " key for ballot box,	.90
George G. Bailey, return of births,	.75

B. F. Young, return of deaths,	$ 3.00	
Hamilton Veteran Association,	15.00	
		$813.67

ABATEMENTS.

C. W. Appleton, Collector allowed on abatements as follows:

1904.

F. D. Cochrane, personal	$11.84	
F. M. Whipple, personal	3.28	

1905.

Charles K. Bull, poll	$2.00	
Fred Carroll, poll	2.00	
Charles H. Case, poll	2.00	
William Connery, poll	2.00	
George Holmes, poll	2.00	
O'Dillon Hubbard, poll	2.00	
G. B. Knowlton, poll	2.00	
David Landergan, poll	2.00	
Robert MacDonald, personal	4.00	
George H. Merrill, poll	2.00	
Enoch Palm, poll	2.00	
George M. Small, poll	2.00	
J. C. Underhill, account age	2.00	
Bliss Ward, poll	2.00	
L. D. Ahl, personal	4.00	
Mrs. E. D. Swift, personal	3.20	
Elizabeth Johnson, real	4.80	
		$57.12

RECAPITULATION.

Paid Town Note, 1904	$12,000.00
Interest on town note	609.00

Town hall and school house loan	$2150.00	
Interest on said loan	615.00	
County tax	3201.79	
State tax	3600.00	
State highway tax	72.05	
Public Library appropriation	400.00	
School warrants	9345.39	
Constables fees	11.11	
One-fourth liquor license	250.00	
One-fourth druggist license	.25	
State aid	714.00	
Care of burial lots	5.20	
Highway department	3979.68	
Guard rails	585.98	
Snow	441.73	
Steam Roller	398.14	
Street signs	96.32	
Street watering	460.50	
Street lighting	2055.50	
Fire department	284.75	
Cemetery	243.15	
Town Hall	1133.45	
Brown tail moths, town appropriation	337.58	
Tree warden	189.63	
Suppression of brown tail and gypsy moth	3051.16	
Poor department	1016.06	
Soldiers relief	243.96	
Salaries and fees	2427.69	
Miscellaneous	813.67	
Abatements	57.12	
Deposited Ipswich Savings Bank, G. T. Haynes burial fund,	100.00	
Choate Burnham, fund	175.00	
		$51,064.86

Treasurer's receipts	$65,897.83
Treasurer's payments	51,064.86
	$14,832.97
Due from Collector of Taxes	$1022.33
Due Ipswich Savings Bank, note in anticipation of taxes	$20,000.00

Auditor's Report.

The foregoing accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer have this day been examined by me and accounts found as stated.

A. HERBERT DANE, *Auditor.*

ISAAC F. KNOWLTON,
GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
GEORGE E. SAFFORD,
Selectmen of Hamilton.

Hamilton, February 26, 1906.

Assessors' Report.

Value of buildings	$953,550.00	
Value of land	614,390.00	
Value of real estate		$1,567,940.00
Value of personal property		1,356,090.00
Total valuation		$2,924,030.00

Tax on real estate	$12,535.52
Tax on personal estate	10,848.72
Tax on polls	792.00
Total tax	$24,176.24
Corporation tax, 1904	$1370.85
Corporation tax, 1905	8913.77
National Bank tax, 1904	1.29
National Bank tax, 1905	676.48
Street railway tax	818.60
Street railway excise tax	918.70
Tax on each poll	2.00
Rate per thousand	8.00
Number of horses assessed	432
" " cows	271
" " neat cattle other than cows	54
" " swine	77
" " fowl	3440
" " dwelling houses	796
" " acres of land	8684
" " tax payers	685
" " tax payers, poll only	190

Town Clerk's Report.

Received for dog licenses and paid to County Treasurer for 1905, $484.00
Increase over year 1904, 147.00
Number of dogs, males, 121; females, 31. Breeders license $5.

1905. BIRTHS RECORDED.

Mar. 2. Ruth Boyes, daughter to Alvin L. and Jennie S. Perley.
May 21. Dorothy, daughter to Frederic and Dorothy Winthrop.

Jan. 19.	Elsie Winifred, daughter to Walter B. and Winifred Chase.
Apr. 29.	Virginia, daughter to Hallett S. and Louise Gwinn.
Apr. 28.	Ruth and Ruby, twins, daughters, to George H. and Edith Leighton.
May 4.	Carl Hamilton, son to Frederick E. and Helena Adams.
May 8.	Lillian Wilhelmina, daughter to Alfred J. and Ida W. Kirton.
June 2.	Helen Rose, daughter to Quinn and Alice McGregor.
June 9.	Frederick Seavey, son to Frederick A. and Edith A. Baker.
June 9.	Lawrence Edward, son to Wendall W. and Helen M. Dodge.
June 17.	George Warren, son to Frederick H. and Elizabeth J. Ayers.
June 18.	Henry, son to Henry Jr., and Catherine L. Stone.
June 23.	Frances Josephine, daughter to Samuel A. and Catherine Malone.
June 26.	William James, son to James and Florence Powers.
July 12.	James Patrick, son to Michael J. and Louise Torpey.
July 14.	Augustine Dudley, daughter to William and Cora E. Tuttle.
Sept. 22.	Pimrose, daughter to Arthur and Fannie Mason.
Sept. 25.	Martha Elizabeth, daughter to E. Nelson and Theresa Pierce.
Sept. 30.	Ann, daughter to William and Delia McCarthy.
Oct. 27.	Elizabeth, daughter to Niron W. and Rose B. Nutter.
Oct. 29.	Hazel Maud, daughter to James E. and Mamie Saunders.
Nov. 26.	Clarence Stewart, son to Clarence S. and Mabel P. Knowlton.
Dec. 2.	Anna Madeline, daughter to Forest G. and Lena Shepperson.
Dec. 11.	Oscar Maynard Thompson, son to Amos and Alice Hatt.
Dec. 18.	Robert Chesley, son to Robert C. and Endora McFarland.

MARRIAGES RECORDED.

Mar. 31. Joseph E. Marchant of Hamilton and Ida M. Barnard of Leverett, Mass.

Mar. 31. Benjamin F. Morgan of Beverly and Lillian E. Motley of Vershire, Vt.

Apr. 11. John B. Kelly of Saranac Lake and Mary G. Smith of Hamilton.

Apr. 12. Ernest A. Smith of Hamilton and Gertrude L. Adams of Hamilton.

May 10. Walter M. Homan of Wenham and Laura A. Marr of Wenham.

June 14. Albert K. Gugware of Hamilton and Ethel M. Roberts of Hamilton.

July 12. Leroy P. Watts of Haverhill and Ruth M. Kimball of Haverhill.

July 22. Howard M. Knowlton of Wenham and Gertrude L. Harris of Beverly.

Aug. 12. Henry D. Knox of Buffalo, N. Y., and Alice U. Brown of Salem.

Aug. 26. Rufus Gould of Providence, R. I., and Bessie R. Brown of Hamilton.

Sept. 12. Walter L. Hatch of Amesbury and Marion G. Davis of Amesbury.

Sept. 19. Wayne W. Porter of Beverly and Fidelia M. Lord of Wenham.

Sept. 23. George E. Homan of Wenham and Augusta Johnson of Hamilton.

Oct. 17. Carl I. Aylward of Salem and Nora A. Kilham of Hamilton.

Oct. 29. Charles A. Case of Beverly, and Nettie M. Rounds of Beverly.

Nov. 1. Richard Dearborn of Effingham, N. H., and Grace R. Ayers of Hamilton.

Nov. 1. Leverett W. Woodbury of Hamilton and Josephine G. Fenner of Forest Hills.
Nov. 29. Karl S. Conrey of Hamilton and Annie M. Tenney of Hamilton.
Nov. 29. Elmer F. Jones of Hamilton and Sadie Godett of Ipswich.
Nov. 30. John F. Morgan of Beverly and Rose A. Curran of Beverly.
Nov. 30. Morris Hast of Hamilton and Helen Frear of Hamilton.
Dec. 16. Frank W. Buzzell of Hamilton and Martha W. Dane of Hamilton.
Dec. 23. W. Francis Dodge of Hamilton and Alice M. Gould of Beverly.

DEATHS RECORDED.

		Yrs.	Mos.	Dys.
Jan. 18.	James E. Trussell		1	8
Feb. 5.	Samuel E. Thayer	62	8	22
Mar. 6.	James E. Giddings	82	1	22
Mar. 18.	Sarah, wife of Daniel Roberts	78	11	25
Mar. 24.	Patrick Curran	40	5	2
Apr. 13.	Harold D. Stone	8	7	
Apr. 19.	George H. Woodbury	46		
Apr. 22.	Fred A. Martin	35		
Apr. 27.	Otis F. Brown	72		5
May 5.	Andrew J. Dunn	73	2	
May 22.	Bessie L. Fisher	33		12
May 23.	Augustus Woodbury	80	7	
May 26.	Joseph A. Tucker	44		
June 2.	Rachel M. Hollinshead	20	7	18
June 5.	Albert B. Richardson	72	1	17
June 9.	Hulda D., widow of Albert B. Richardson	72	5	18
June 10.	John C. Adams	6	8	3
June 24.	Emma Koliski	2	4	
July 24.	Henry Stone		1	8
Sept. 1.	Daniel E. Safford	79	7	

Sept. 2.	Hannah M., widow of John Whipple	96	4	4
Sept. 5.	Mary B. Smith	80	11	
Sept. 11.	Eben S. Cook		11	
Sept. 12.	William J. Powers		2	16
Sept. 23.	Ada E. Jones	16	2	28

DEATHS.

Nov. 6.	H. Augusta Dodge (died in Salem)	75	3	6
Nov. 20.	Mary L. Marshall	72	10	
Nov. 24.	Beatrice H. Warner	36	1	
Nov. 24.	Moses J. Channell	70		
Nov. 29.	William Hollinshead	76	1	3
Dec. 4.	Frank Hollinshead	19	8	11
Dec. 21.	Mary A. Woodward	81	7	29

BROUGHT INTO TOWN.

Mar. 9.	Carrie P. Porter	43		
Mar. 14.	Lewis C. Tibbetts	56	7	22
Apr. 22.	Henry L. Lovering	18	2	
Apr. 27.	Cordelia B. Clark	81	1	
June 21.	Martha A. Porter	71		7
July 6.	Edna B. Porter	81	10	
Dec. 4.	Amos Burnham	89	10	

Respectfully,

GEORGE T. LITCHFIELD,

Town Clerk.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Report of the Trustees and Librarian.

The Trustees in presenting their annual report wish to thank all who have contributed to the success of the library during the past year.

The number of bound volumes and magazines issued is about the same as last year. The teachers of the public schools have continued their interest in the loan libraries, directing the children to the best in biography, fiction, history and science. At the present day juvenile literature is especially rich in all of these subjects. The librarian would be glad to cooperate more generally with all of the teachers in this valuable work, and with classes organized for special study.

New books purchased for adults have been about equally divided between fiction and works of biography, history, religion and travel; although the demand for fiction is far in excess. Great care is exercised not to fill the shelves with books of passing value at public expense.

As in other years the reading room has been well patronized, oftentimes the number of readers and visitors overtaxing the capacity of the room. In this connection it is very gratifying to announce that the sum of one thousand dollars has been left to the library by the late Hannah Augusta Dodge, a native of the town and a friend of the library, and of educational interests, for the purpose of establishing as a memorial to her sister,

the late Mary Abby Dodge, a reading room, to be known as "The Gail Hamilton reading room." Plans are maturing for the establishment of this room.

The librarian has worked steadily upon the card catalogue, bringing it nearly up to date. It can be used to great advantage by a large number, who have not as yet, discovered its merits. A supplementary finding list has been issued for ready reference. A large number of volumes have been rebound, and there still remain many magazines of permanent value which should be preserved by bindings.

The Woman's Education Society of Boston have loaned a collection of valuable and instructive photographs of China which proved of interest.

The Trustees take this opportunity to thank those who have made gifts during the year, a list of which may be found in the Librarian's report, and Mr. Horace E. Andrews for the use of his store as a delivery station.

An appropriation of four hundred dollars is recommended for the ensuing year.

JESSE G. NICHOLS,
AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER,
GEORGE v. L. MEYER.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

STATISTICS.

Total number of volumes, March, 1905				3581
"	"	"	added	128
"	"	"	March, 1906	3709

Number of volumes of fiction issued during year	5470
" " history " "	314
" " biography " "	121
" " miscellaneous " "	729
Total number of volumes " "	6634
Number of magazines " "	1074
Total number of bound volumes and magazines	7708
Number of cards issued during year	60
Number of cards issued since Library opened	1323
Fines collected during year	$3.08

GIFTS.

	Bound Volumes
New England Historical Genealogical Society, vital records	15
State Massachusetts :	
Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolution	1
Dedication of Bartlett Statue	1
History of the Fifth Mass. Battery	1
Public Documents — Journals, Acts and Resolves, Revised Laws	10
U. S. Government Reports :	
Report of Board of Education	2
Report of Department of the Interior	2
Manual General Court	1
Report of Civil Service	1
Report of Smithsonian Institute	1
Report of Library of Congress	3
Abstract of the Twelfth Census	1
Report of Commerce and Navigation	1
Report of U. S. Naval Observatory	1

Statistical Atlas	1
Essex Institute, Salem — Sears Geology of Essex County	1

	Pamphlets and Unbound Volumes
Mrs. G. K. Knowlton, The New Voice, 1 year	52
Mass. Public Documents	25
Miscellaneous	41

GRACE C. STONE, *Librarian.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER in account with Trustees of Public Library of Hamilton, Mass.

DR.

Balance to credit of Library Trustees, March 1, 1905	$263.89	
Feb. 14, 1906. Received from John L. Woodbury, town treasurer, amount appropriated at last town meeting,	$400.00	
Feb. 17, 1906. Received from Mrs. Grace C. Stone, librarian, amount of fines,	3.08	
		$666.97

CR.

June 30, 1905. Paid Warrant No. 1.	
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, books	$42.44
Grace C. Stone, librarian	25.00
Library Bureau, W. E. Parker, treas.	12.30
The Pilgrim Press, books	12.19
Gill & Co., books	5.08
J. L. Hammett Co., books	3.43

J. G. Nichols, sundries	$2.42	
William H. Gardner, oak frame	2.25	
The Christian Work, newspaper	1.00	
		$106.09
Oct. 13, 1905. Warrant No. 2.		
Grace C. Stone, librarian	$25.00	
Grace C. Stone, extra services	10.00	
Grace C. Stone, for cash paid for extra services	8.60	
The Pilgrim Press, books	16.62	
The Citizen Printing Co.	2.50	
Ipswich Historical Society	5.00	
		$67.72
Dec. 20, 1905. Paid Warrant No. 3.		
Grace C. Stone, librarian	$25.00	
The Pilgrim Press, books	21.16	
Almy Bigelow & Washburn, books	14.62	
J. L. Hammett & Co., books	2.00	
Library Bureau, catalogue cards	3.75	
Beverly Citizen, printing supplements	26.50	
		$93.03
Feb. 17, 1906. Paid Warrant No. 4.		
Grace C. Stone, librarian	$25.00	
J. G. Nichols, sundries	3.72	
		$28.72
		$295.56
Balance to credit of Library Trustees, Mar. 1, 1906		371.41
		$666.97

E. & O. E. AUGUSTUS P. GARDNER,

Treasurer of Trustees.

February 19, 1906.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners.

(Account Closed, February 12, 1906.)

At the last annual town meeting George K. Knowlton was re-elected cemetery commissioner for three years.

ORGANIZATION.

George K. Knowlton, chairman,	Term expires, 1908
George H. Gibney, secretary,	" " 1906
Frank C. Norton,	" " 1907

George C. Roberts, appointed superintendent of cemetery.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation for care of cemetery,	$300.00

EXPENSES.

Paid Arthur E. Whipple, labor on avenues,	$151.75	
George W. Fitz, gravel for avenues,	8.90	
George E. Roberts, labor in cemetery,	82.50	
		$243.15
Balance unexpended,		$56.85

In presenting our report we would call attention to the much needed improvements which has been made by putting in an avenue from the centre gate of the cemetery, on the main road, to Central avenue. Other avenues also have been put in good condition.

The commissioners have to report the imperative necessity of additional land being provided at once, by the town for cemetery use, as but six lots in the town cemetery remain unsold.

As it is provided by law that when a town secures land for cemetery purposes it is then to be put into the care of the board of cemetery commissioners, if there be such a board in town, to be laid out and managed by said board; therefore we would recommend an appropriation of five hundred dollars to meet the probable necessary expenses that will be required for cemetery use by the commissioners.

Deeds of cemetery lots will be ready for delivery soon after the next annual town meeting in March.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,
GEORGE H. GIBNEY,
FRANK C. NORTON,
Cemetery Commissioners.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

Essex ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Hamilton.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hamilton, qualified to vote in the elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, nineteen hundred and six, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, viz:

ART. 1. To chose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and act thereon.

ART. 4. Shall licenses be granted in the Town of Hamilton for the sale of intoxicating liquors for the year ensuing.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for the suppression of the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money not to exceed fifty ($50.00) dollars for the purpose of observing Decoration day by the soldiers of the Rebellion.

ART. 8. To appropriate money for the repairs of highways, townways and bridges, and all other Town expenses, and to determine the manner of spending the same.

ART. 9. To see what action the Town will take towards extending the street lights on Highland street to the Farms road, and appropriate a sum of money for the same as petitioned for by A. B. Chadwick and others.

ART. 10. To see what action the Town will take towards grading and macadamizing Walnut street from Main street to Wenham line and appropriate money for the same as petitioned for by A. E. Potter and others.

ART. 11. To see what action the Town will take towards concreting a walk around the South school house ten (10) feet wide, and appropriate a sum not to exceed one hundred and fifty ($150.00) dollars for the same as petitioned for by F. C. Shaller and others.

Art. 12. To see what action the Town will take towards grading and graveling the sidewalk on the westerly side of Pleasant street, and appropriate a sum of money for the same as petitioned for by J. W. Roberts and others.

Art. 13. To see what action the Town will take towards enlarging the cemetery, by the purchase of more land, and take any action thereon.

Art. 14. To see what action the Town will take towards paying balance due on the piano at the South school and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Art. 15. To see what action the Town will take in regard to establishing a High school and the erection of a suitable building for the same—and take any action thereon—as proposed by the school committee.

Art. 16. To see what action the Town will take toward exterminating the brown tail and gypsy moth and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

Art. 17. To see what action the Town will take toward fixing the salary of the town officials.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will authorize the treasurer to hire money, under the direction of the selectmen, in anticipation of taxes.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will authorize the collector to use all means of collecting taxes, which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use, agreeable to Chapter 25, Section 75, of the Revised Laws.

Art. 20. To determine what time tax bills shall be issued and taxes become due.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as proposed and posted by the selectmen.

Art. 22. To act on any other matter that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Meeting House, one at the Town Hall, and one at Wenham Depot Post Office, in said Town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this twenty-sixth day of February, 1906, A. D.

Isaac F. Knowlton,
George H. Gibney,
George E. Safford,
Selectmen of Hamilton.

LIST OF JURORS

AS PROPOSED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Samuel G. Goodhue,	farmer
Charles W. Appleton,	carpenter
Fred Berry,	farmer
Frank Dane,	laborer
John R. Mann,	carpenter
George H. Gibney,	real estate
Isaac F. Knowlton,	farmer
George T. Litchfield,	janitor
Elbridge D. Lovett,	trader
E. Nelson Pierce,	clerk
Charles A. Peterson,	carpenter
Clarence P. Roberts,	laborer
Everett A. Smith,	farmer
Addison B. Towle,	carpenter
Austin A. Whipple,	farmer
George P. Ayers,	farmer
Arthur H. Dane,	clerk.

OTIS F. BROWN.

In Memoriam.

By the death of Otis F. Brown, who died April 27, 1905, the town has lost a valued citizen, one who was thoroughly acquainted with the growth of the town from his boyhood. Here he was born April 7, 1833, and here he made it his home all his life.

In his early years he manifested a great talent for writing and drawing, and in his young manhood visited several states where he taught these branches of education.

Later in life he settled down in his native home.

He was always very much interested in the current events of the day, and especially in town affairs.

In 1879 he was elected a member of the school committee on which board he served nine continuous years.

In 1885 he was elected to represent his district in the lower branch of the Massachusetts legislature.

He was an efficient and faithful servant of the town for twenty-nine years, having been elected town clerk in 1876 with a continuous service to the time of his death.

In his social life he always manifested a spirit of cheerfulness and seeming resignation to the varying conditions and changes which inevitably effect human life.

We shall remember him as a descendent and representative of the genuine old New England stock, whose ranks are fast being decimated by the hand of time.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF HAMILTON

1905-1906

SALEM, MASS.
BARRY PRINTING COMPANY
1906

School Committee's Report.

Annual report of the School Committee of the Town of Hamilton, 1905-1906:

ORGANIZATION.

George K. Knowlton, Chairman,	Term expires 1907
Everett A. Smith, Secretary,	" " 1908
Rev. Jesse G. Nichols, Purchasing Agent,	" " 1906

Andrew S. Thomson, Superintendent.

J. C. Underhill, Truant Officer.

REPORT.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

(Closed Feb. 12, 1906.)

Amount appropriated for Town schools,	$5,455 00	
" " High school pupils,	2,500 00	
" " transportation of scholars,	940 00	
" " water tank, south school,	100 00	
Town appropriation,		$8,995 00
Dog licenses,		388 66
Received from State on account of Superintendent,		250 00
Received from City of Boston for tuition of scholars,		57 00
		$9,690 66

PAID TEACHERS.

Miss Harriet E. Boynton,	$697 80	
" Mary E. Batchelder,	258 71	
" Carrie E. Robie,	406 91	
" Eva C. Sanborn,	221 14	
" Annie W. Chase,	432 27	
" Marguerite L. Foster,	190 00	
Mrs. Grace C. Stone,	320 56	
Miss Grace B. Orne,	400 00	
" Abbie E. Stetson,	114 00	
" Julia Goldman,	100 00	
" Bertha Metcalf,	80 00	
" Dessa M. Washburn,	237 50	
" Nelly G. Cutting,	220 56	
" Alice E. Wilcomb,	210 00	
" Edith W. Elliott,	131 00	
Mrs. Mabel B. Dyer,	37 50	
Miss Isabel Cline,	40 00	
Mrs. Mabel Perry,	5 00	
Miss Elsie Ross,	2 00	
		$4,104 95

PAID FOR CARE OF SCHOOLHOUSES.

Fred C. Schaller,	$350 00	
Sylvester Day,	19 00	
Frank H. Poole,	13 75	
Thomas A. Poole,	5 00	
Charles J. Wright,	8 00	
Ralph E. Wright,	2 50	
Harry L. Blaisdell,	7 50	
Fred E. Adams,	10 00	
Francis J. Hart,	10 00	
		$425 75

PAID FOR FUEL.

Charles S. Gwinn,	$231 26	
John Girdler,	50 00	
William A. Smith,	22 17	
M. K. Patch,	3 50	
Isaac F. Knowlton,	18 00	
E. A. Smith,	18 00	
		$342 93

PAID FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

J. L. Hammett Co.,	$180 28	
Ginn & Co.,	92 55	
Silver, Burdette & Co.,	61 20	
D. C. Heath & Co.,	39 60	
American Book Co.,	18 27	
Educational Publishing Co.,	8 00	
Almy, Bigelow & Washburn,	3 75	
George F. King & Co.,	2 25	
H. E. Boynton,	1 74	
Oliver Ditson Co.,	9 90	
Bunkio Matsuki,	10 89	
		$428 43

MISCELLANEOUS.

Robert Robertson Co., stock and labor, stove, sanitary and pump work,	$24 51
S. C. Gould, school room supplies,	6 94
C. Tuttle, cleaning North schoolhouse,	3 00
Citizen Printing Co., printing,	15 65
L. Channell, cleaning Centre schoolhouse,	3 50
Fred C. Shaller, supplies for steam heating,	4 50
Scully & Morrow, wrench,	2 50
M. A. Hart, cleaning West schoolhouse,	4 50

Jesse G. Nichols, expressage and cash paid out,	27 55	
Chandler Desk Co., school desks,	89 40	
E. J. Rollins, school room supplies,	75	
E. McGregor, cleaning North schoolhouse,	3 00	
A. Curran, cleaning Centre schoolhouse,	3 50	
E. A. Day, cleaning East schoolhouse,	2 00	
S. Day, sanitary and yard work,	7 20	
J. F. Porter, stock and labor, North schoolhouse,	15 55	
A. S. Thomson, car fare, telephone, postage, etc.,	10 55	
F. P. Trussell, stock and labor, schoolhouse repairs,	2 99	
A. C. Lunt, school furniture,	7 50	
C. A. Peterson, stock and labor setting desks,	11 69	
E. S. Burnham, printing report cards,	5 00	
J. N. & V. S. Peterson, fire bricks,	70	
F. C. Norton, schoolroom supplies,	10 04	
J. C. Underhill, services as truant officer,	6 00	
George K. Knowlton, repairs and cash paid out,	11 36	
George K. Knowlton, taking school census,	10 00	
		$289 88

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid Andrew S. Thomson,	$310 00	

TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS.

Appropriation for transportation of scholars,		$940 00
Paid Boston & Maine Railroad Co.,	$634 30	
Boston & Northern Street Ry. Co.,	160 00	
James B. Hart,	47 50	
Caleb W. Dodge,	8 75	
George K. Knowlton, scholars tickets,	1 33	
		$851 88
Balance unexpended,		$88 12

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Appropriation for tuition of scholars,		$2500 00
Paid City of Beverly,	$2,025.00	
City of Salem,	450 00	
Town of Ipswich,	40 00	
		$2,515 00
Exceeding appropriation,		$15 00

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION.

For water tank for South schoolhouse,		$100 00
Robert Robertson Co., putting in water tank,	$86 57	
Robert Robertson Co. allowed for old tank,	10 00	
Paid Robert Robertson Co.,		$76 57
Balance unexpended,		$23 43

GROSS RECEIPTS FOR ALL PURPOSES.

Appropriation for Town schools,	$5,455 00
" tuition High School scholars,	2,500 00
" transportation of scholars,	940 00
Special appropriation,	100 00
Dog licenses,	388 66
From state on account of superintendent,	250 00
From city of Boston, tuition of scholars,	57 00
	$9,690 66

GROSS EXPENSE FOR ALL SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Paid for teachers,	$4,104 95
Care of school houses,	425 75
Fuel,	342 93
School supplies,	428 43

Miscellaneous,	289 88	
Superintendent of Schools,	310 00	
Tuition of High School pupils,	2,515 00	
Transportation of scholars,	851 88	
Water tank,	76 57	
		$9,345 39
Balance unexpended,		$345 27

PUPILS ATTENDING HIGH SCHOOLS.

For the year ending June, 1906.

BEVERLY.

Tuition for each pupil, $50.00.

GRADE X.

Frank J. Burton
Percy W. Burton
Leverett L. Durkee
Edward S. Vennard
Justin A. Fitz
Harold S. Knowlton
Hepsy G. Roberts
Ellen Hart

GRADE XI.

Bligh C. McGlauflin
Arthur M. Cummings
John P. Smith
Mercy G. Abbott
Ella W. Chandler
Annie F. Crosby
Rosetta P. Jones
Mary E. Potter
Elizabeth A. Robinson
Martha W. Dodge

GRADE XII.

Lawrence H. Striley
Harry W. Smith
Joseph L. Roberts
Finley D. McDonald
George I. Dodge
Wallace H. Knowlton
Ernest S. Berry
Catherine J. McDonald
Elsie M. Peterson

GRADE XIII.

TO GRADUATE.

Rua A. Chandler
Mabel L. Peterson
Myra A. Sawyer
Charita W. Vennard
Clara D. Haraden
Nettie F. Preston

SALEM.

Tuition for each pupil, $50.00.

Samuel T. Haraden	Mae E. Schaller
William R. Chandler	Myrtle A. Small
Walter E. Cheever	Nellie C. Goodridge
Frank H. Tuck	Florence W. Goodridge

TO GRADUATE.

Laura M. Goodridge.

ESTIMATE FOR SCHOOLS.

Following is an estimate of the amount of money that should be appropriated by the Town for all public school purposes for the year 1906-7.

For Town public schools,	$5,500 00	
Pupils attending High School,	2,400 00	
Transportation of scholars,	800 00	
		$8,700 00

REPORT OF TRUANT OFFICER.

To the School Committee of Hamilton:

Gentlemen: — In submitting my report as Truant Officer I would say that I have attended to nine cases of non-attendance of school, seven of truancy and one case of a scholar who had left school to work at home, and being found beyond the compulsory age limit.

I was kindly received by all parents.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. UNDERHILL,

Truant Officer.

SCHOOL CENSUS.

Whole number of children in town between 5 and 15 years of age, September 1, 1905,	Boys,	141	
	Girls,	145	
			286
Between 7 and 14 years of age,			
	Boys,	97	
	Girls,	104	
			201
Whole number September 1, 1905,		286	
Whole number September 1, 1904,		282	
Increase of scholars between 5 and 15,		4	

SCHOOL CALENDAR.

1906-1907.

January 1.	All schools open for winter term.
March 16.	All schools close for spring vacation. Thirteen weeks in term.
March 26.	All schools open for spring term.
June 15.	All schools close for summer vacation. Twelve weeks in term.
September 4.	All schools open for fall term.
November 28.	All schools close for Thanksgiving. Thirteen weeks in term.
December 3.	All schools open for winter term.
December 14.	All schools close for Christmas vacation.
December 31.	All schools open.
March 15, 1907.	All schools close for spring vacation. Thirteen weeks in term.
March 25.	All schools open for spring term.
June 14.	All schools close for summer vacation.

In making our annual report to the citizens of the town we are glad to record a year of successful work in the schools.

The Union district comprising the towns of Ipswich, Essex, Wenham and Hamilton, formed in 1902 in compliance with the state law for the employment of a superintendent of schools, was changed at its expiration of three years in 1905 by the withdrawal of the town of Ipswich and a continuance of the union of the other three towns by taking in the town of Middleton.

The school committee of the several towns comprising the district, met at the South Hamilton schoolhouse on the eighth day of last April for organization. It was at this meeting that the town of Middleton was formally admitted into the Union, as had been recommended by the State Board of Education.

George K. Knowlton was elected chairman and Everett A. Smith, secretary of the district committee.

Mr. Andrew S. Thomson, who had served the district faithfully for three years, was re-elected superintendent of schools for the new year, of this Union district, begining July 1, 1905 at a salary of $1,500.00, a large part of which will be returned by the State to the several towns comprising the Union.

The increasing number of scholars at the south school, and consequently the need of additional room brings forcibly for consideration by the town the matter of establishing a high school. The committee has for several years called attention to the fact that this problem would have to be met at no distant day. It now appears to the committee that within a short time the town will need to decide whether to erect a high school building or make an addition to the south schoolhouse.

In the summer vacation additional desks were put into the south schoolrooms, also a water tank large enough for the requirements of the building was put in. All the school buildings are now in good condition, except that possibly the east schoolhouse may have to be shingled this year.

The report of the superintendent will give the work and progress of the schools in detail.

GEORGE K. KNOWLTON,
EVERETT A. SMITH,
JESSE G. NICHOLS,

School Committee.

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

It is with pleasure that I submit to you this my fourth annual report as superintendent of the schools of the town. It is hoped that the people of the town will give careful attention to the school questions, as problems are at hand that need united action and disinterested judgment as to the wisest course to pursue.

It has been evident for several years that some move must be made for more school accommodations for the pupils of the south end of the town. At present we have in the primary room the first and second grades; in the upper primary, the third and fourth grades; in the intermediate or lower grammar, the fifth and sixth grades; and in the grammar room there are the seventh, eight and ninth grades. The first two schools have numbered over fifty each all the year, and the last two have numbered nearly fifty each. With fifty children, each, the primary schools cannot do satisfactory work. It is impossible for one teacher to do justice to so many children. The naturally bright children progress, while the slower and less fortunate children are obliged to repeat the work of the grade. Slow pupils need more drilling and more personal attention from the teacher.

In the Grammar school the assistant has taken charge of the work of the seventh grade in all the main subjects, hearing the recitations in the hall. In order to accomplish the work of

the ninth grade and prepare our pupils for the tenth grade in Beverly one teacher must devote her entire time to the work of the eighth and ninth grades. Two teachers cannot hear recitations in the same room at the same time, so it has become necessary to utilize the hall for a classroom, unsatisfactory as such an arrangement always proves.

Another school room should be provided for the pupils of the south district. This room will be greatly needed in the spring as there are several children of school age that wish to enter school after the spring vacation.

HIGH SCHOOLS.

We are now spending $3500.00 per annum to educate our pupils in outside high schools. This money would run a good local high school. A building, of course, will be necessary for for such a school, but this building would furnish the necessary relief for the south schools.

In order to show what is the practice in the state in regard to the establishment of local high schools, I quote from the report of the State Board of Education for 1903-1904: "As to the policy of maintaining a local high school, as compared with that of providing this instruction in outside schools, the prevailing sentiment in towns that have an option in this respect is in favor of the local school, except where the expense, as compared with the number of pupils, would be unreasonably great, or where an outside school is very easily accessible. The other view is usually held by those who have no children, or who have children whom they propose to send to college, and whom they prefer to have fitted in a school that holds the privilege of certificating its graduates along.

There is this also to be said in favor of the strong outside high school: that it furnishes broader options, better facilities for instruction in most subjects, and older, more experienced, and, as a rule, more skilful teachers. The bright country boys

and girls that come to it with a purpose seem to catch from the new environments a spirit of work that soon puts them among its best scholars.

On the other hand, more pupils will attend a local high school than will go to an outside one, whatever advantages the latter may offer; and, provided the instruction of the local school can be of a kind to meet the needs of its pupils, and can be kept up to a reasonable degree of efficiency, this is a strong argument for its maintenance.

Making allowance for variations from year to year, it will appear that only about three fifths as many pupils will go to an outside high school as would attend a local school. For this there are several reasons, as one learns by inquiring of the people of these towns. A few of these may be of interest.

First, there is the expense of travelling, which for most of the families of these towns is quite a burden. Some of the richer towns remove this difficulty by paying the cost of transportation, and more perhaps might do so.

Second, there is a loss of time and of vitality where pupils have to travel long distances, and a loss of their help at home, where it is often greatly needed, and needed not only to aid their parents but also for their own good; for what better training can young people get than in learning to lend a hand to help in the work of the home; and what superiority of advantages in the way of purely intellectual education can the very best high school furnish that will compensate for the lack of this training? It will be kept in mind that I am speaking of communities made up almost wholly of families dependent on the farm or the mill or some other kind of laborious industry for their maintenance, where even the morning and evening assistance that boys and girls of high school age can render may be a needed relief to their hard working parents, and, as I have said a benefit to themselves. A little helpful manual

labor interspersing their study of Latin and geometry will be a tonic. The more I see in adults the consequences of early home conditions and training, the more I feel that young people are unfortunate who, outside of the hours required for their school work, have nothing to occupy their time and attention but amusements; who, at the age when impressions and habits are rapidly forming, have no share in the serious work of family maintenance, whether their exemption is due to wealth or to the unwisdom of parents (as it often is) or to the exactions of purely intellectual schooling.

Third, I find that thoughtful parents are reluctant to have their children of high school age, especially their girls (I think it just as dangerous for boys), travelling back and forth in the cars, where the influences do not always make for refinement and modesty; but are even more reluctant to send them to board for the week in a city or large town, unless they are under the care of someone who has in them more than a boarding-house keeper's interest."

Besides the advantages stated here it is true that the town which has its own high school certainly has more town spirit and more of that local pride which is a great benefit to any town.

The High schools of Beverly and Salem are overcrowded. The Beverly school has so many pupils that it has had to run two sessions. Part of the classes attend from 8 to 12 A. M. and others from 12.15 to 4 P. M. This arrangement has caused considerable inconvenience to pupils in the afternoon session. Moreover we hear constant rumors that out of town pupils may soon be excluded from these schools.

EIGHTH GRADE.

It so happened this year that the eighth grade pupils were concentrated in the South Grammar school without increase of

cost to the town. This has been a relief to the district schools and an advantage to the pupils of the eighth grades. It is very necessary to continue this so that we may have the pupils better and more evenly prepared for the work of the ninth grade. With all the pupils of the eighth and ninth grades of the town in the South school we can prepare a large percentage of them for the tenth grade in Beverly. I find that the pupils who go to Beverly to the tenth grade are handicapped in their Latin in which they are a year behind the class with which they enter. This is the study in which our ninth grade does not coincide with Beverly's. This preparation can be made easily and we should conform our course of study to theirs.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

The question of medical examinations of school children for contagious diseases and for defects of sight and hearing has been forced upon the attention of everyone by Governor Guild's message in which he says: "I would suggest, however, that you consider legislation contemplating a more general inspection of school children, as now practiced in some localities, notably for the discovery of infectious diseases and physical defects. A child may be a dullard at school and a failure in life because of undiscovered defects in eyesight or hearing. There are, to quote one line of work only "children now struggling for education through pain, ailing little creatures, backward in their lessons, tortured with racking headaches, who only need relief of a complaining set of nerves by a pair of properly adjusted glasses, to transform them to healthy, happy children, capable of assimilating all the benefits of their school work." There is a bill now pending before legislature which will make such inspection obligatory in September. This cannot fail to be a great benefit to many children. Massachusetts is behind some of her sister states in this beneficial work.

REPAIRS.

The school buildings of Hamilton present an attractive appearance this year with their new coats of paint. Most of the buildings are in good repair. The Centre building needs a fresh coat of paint on the inside. New wall maps for studying geography are needed in several of the rooms. The present maps are badly worn and much out of date.

CHANGE OF TEACHERS.

Each year there are a few changes of teachers. Miss Nelly G. Cutting, after spending a beneficial year at Normal School, returned to the East School this year. Miss Sanborn, who had served the town ably and efficiently for several years in the South upper primary resigned to get married. Her position was given to Miss Chase oft he Center. Miss Alice E. Wilcomb, of Maynard, was engaged for the Center school. Miss Batchelder is out on a year's leave of absence, and Miss Dessa M. Washburn of Plymouth, N. H., was secured for the South.

Miss Stetson resigned her position in the South school for school in Danvers. Miss Elliott of Danvers is acting as assistant this year. Miss Julia Goldman, our music and drawing teacher, resigned in June to take a position in Beverly High School. Mrs. Mabel Dyer took the work in drawing for the fall term and Miss Isabel Cline, a graduate of the Normal Art School, has supervised the work in drawing with good results.

For several years the South school has been sorely in need of a piano. At the begining of the school a subscription paper was passed around among the people of the community by which nearly a hundred dollars was raised. In February a dramatic entertainment was given by the young people of South Hamilton by which fifty dollars was added to the fund. It is hoped that the fifty dollars yet due on the piano will be appropriated by the town.

SCHOOL WORK.

The children in the school of Hamilton are making good progress. The enthusiasm shown is encouraging. This is evidenced by the fact that very few pupils drop out before the end of the course and that a large per cent go on to high school.

PENNY SAVINGS.

Below is given the report of Mrs. Barrett, who has so faithfully attended to collecting the children's savings which show a substantial gain. This is a laudable work and should be sustained and extended.

A review of the year gives much encouragement in this department. It is evident to those interested that the experiment has passed beyond its first stages, and the lesson of thrift, which it is designed to teach is being learned, by the weekly deposit of small savings.

While some of the pupils are in this as in other work somewhat irregular, yet the large proportion of the depositors are steady making their weekly payments. Some have been contributors from the first and have considerable sums to their credit in local banks. It was hoped by the promotors of this department of the W. C. T. U., that the work might have been taken up in the other schools of the town by this time, but wishing to have the system fully tested in one district before attempting it in others, it has been delayed.

Summary.

No. of depositors from Feb. 1, 1905, to Feb. 1, 1906,	55
Amount deposited from Feb. 1, 1905, to Feb. 1, 1906,	$44.86

Total amount deposited from March 25, 1904, to Feb. 1, 1906,	$222.54
Expense from March, 1904 to Feb. 1906,	$5.70

Respectfully,

S. W. BARRETT.

Hamilton, February 15, 1906.

In closing this report I wish to extend thanks to the teachers for their faithfulness to their work and to the committee for their helpful counsel and support.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW S. THOMSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

Drawing Report.

Hamilton, Mass.

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:

The work planned for our schools for the year 1905-1906 is as follows: In September and October we take up plant drawing and color; in November and December, constructive drawing and design; in January, February and March, pictorial drawing including familiar objects, children and animals, picture study is also begun at this time; in April, May and June we again turn to plant drawing, making designs for simple ornament derived from flowers and other spring life. In working out this course our aim is to give the children the power to sketch simple objects from nature or from memory, to be able to make and read working drawings, a sense of good design and a love for all that is beautiful.

President Eliot says "Among the means of increasing innocent pleasures, sensations and emotions for multitudes of men and women none is more potent than the cultivation of the sense of beauty and the place to inculcate this sense is the school-room." After reading, spelling, writing and ciphering with small numbers drawing should be the most important common school subject.

The most difficult problem we meet is to present a lesson adapted to as many grades as we find in the district schools, but the hearty co-operation of the teachers and enthusiasm of the pupils makes even this a pleasant and interesting task. I find this same cordial response and wish to thank the teachers for their never failing interest in the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL CLINE,

Supervisor of Drawing.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The numbers indicate the number of terms the pupil has not been absent.

West School.

James Hart, 1
Francis Hart, 2
J. Houston Lovett, 3
Irving Peatfield, 1

East School.

Ralph C. Berry, 1
Martha M. Berry, 1

Centre School.

Frank Poole, 1
Helen Sweeney, 3
Martha Poole, 2
James Pool, 1
Letitia Elliott, 1
Thomas Pool, 2

North School.

Charles Wright, 1
Alexander Jones, 1

South Upper Primary.

Clara Frear, 1
Gertrude McGarry, 1
James Hughes, 1
Furber Libby, 2
Freda Eckert, 1
Willie Taylor, 1
Rebecca Jeddrie, 1
Marion Smith, 1
Olive Anderson, 1
Harold Back, 1
Leslie Tinkham, 1

South Primary.

Daisy E. Back
James Dixon
Della Klosky
Peter Klosky
John McGinley
Rudolph Smerrage
Ira Walker
Laura Williams, 2
William Williams
Elsie Adams
Gertrude Ball
George Sonia
Annie Saulnier
Helen Smith

South Grammar.

Frank Burton, 2
Percy Burton, 1
Thayer Haraden, 1
Eleanor Robinson, 2
Evelyn Gould, 1
Bessie Dodge, 1
Anna Hart, 1
Ellen Hart, 1
Katherine Hart, 1
Justin Fitz, 1

South Intermediate.

Sadie L. Abbott
Bertha E. Abbott, 2
Abbie M. Frear
Ruby Hayes, 2
Marian Jones, 3
Dortha Libby, 2
Eleanor Peterson, 2
Florence Schaller, 3
Dortha Smith
May Vroom, 3
Rufus Barrett
Willie McGarry, 2
Pauline Chandler
Emily Sangster
Alice Sangster, 2
Viola Striley
Charles Hollingshead
Martha Cross

TEACHERS, SALARIES, SCHOOLS, ETC., SEPTEMBER, 1905.

TEACHER.	SCHOOL.	GRADES.	SALARY.	WHERE EDUCATED.
Miss Harriet E. Boynton	South Grammar	VII, VIII and IX	$675	Salem Normal and Radcliffe College
Miss Dessa M. Washburn	South Intermediate	V and VI	475	New Hampshire Normal
Miss Annie W. Chase	South. Upper Primary	III and IV	425	Framingham Normal
Miss Carrie E. Robie	South Primary	I and II	400	Lancaster Academy
Miss Alice E. Wilcomb	Centre School	I—VII	380	Bridgwater Normal
Miss Grace C. Stone	North School	I—VII	400	Ipswich High School
Miss Grace B. Orne	West School	I—VII	380	Quincy Training School
Miss Nelly G. Cutting	East School	I—VII	400	Salem Normal
Miss Edith W. Elliott	Assistant in South		228	Danvers High School

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE For the year 1904-1905.	Months and Days.	Number Enrolled.	Number Boys Enrolled.	Number Girls Enrolled.	Average Membership.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	No. between 5 and 15 years.	No. between 7 and 14 years.	No. over 15 years.	No. under 5 years.
South Grammar	9–6	25	11	14	21	20	93	15	7	10	0
South Intermediate	9–10	50	17	33	43	41	94	48	48	2	0
South Upper Primary	9–6	48	27	21	45	43	94	48	48	0	0
South Primary	9–10	71	39	32	53	50	94	71	19	0	0
Center School	9–10	23	13	10	20	17	87	23	19	0	0
North School	9–0	29	18	11	28	25	91	29	20	0	0
East School	9–0	19	12	7	16	14	87	19	13	0	0
West School	9–0	22	12	10	16	15	94	22	16	0	0
Total		287	149	138	242	225	92	275	190	12	0